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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith (1) A Petition to Make Special; (2) and a copy of a Declaration of Ernst R. Pariser in Support of Petition To Make Special (with Exhibit A).

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.